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DISCOVERY OF THE PROPERTY BY PAUL GARZARO IN 1912

After doing his military service in Libourne, Paul Garzaro falls in love with the region of Entre-Deux-Mers. Indeed, this Parisian by birth wants only one thing is to go live in the countryside!

To do this, he asks one of his military friends, from Bordeaux, to find him a property. Unfortunately, the property found is not to his taste so he decides himself to come to prospect in the region of Entre-Deux-Mers.

He arrives from Paris by train, rents a horse with his cariole and leaves for Entre-Deux-Mers. After having passed the villages of Artigues-near-Bordeaux, Fargues Saint Hilaire, Salleboeuf, he arrived at the bottom of the large coast of Camarsac. Already 17 kms in the legs, arrived at the top of the hill, the horse can not take it anymore!

2 kms further the carriage no longer moves. Paul Garzaro decides to ask the owners of a beautiful house in the place called Le Prieur permission to feed and water his horse. After the agreement of an old widow, owner of the place, Paul Garzaro takes the opportunity to rest too. During the conversation, he discovers that the lady is trying to sell her property! After a visit to the estate that fully meets his wishes, he decides to buy it and settle there!

Originally this area was planted with fruit trees and 3 hectares of vines, 20 years later, it will include 30 hectares of vines, which will require the construction of the first winery in the 30s! The generations have passed but the Garzaro Vineyards have not stopped growing, modernizing and giving themselves a new lease of life. Today, Garzaro Vineyards produce 350000 bottles each year.

THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE PROPERTIES

- 1) In 1990, Pierre-Etienne Garzaro succeeded his father Elie as President of Vignobles Garzaro. He is also responsible for winemaking in the 2 properties.
- 2) In 2000, Jean-David Garzaro, the second son of Elie became head of viticulture for the 2 properties.
- 3) In 1999, I become Sales Manager of Garzaro Vineyards.





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VIGNOBLES GARZARO / CHATEAU LE PRIEUR

The Garzaro family bought the Chateau Le Prieur estate at the beginning of the 20th century. It is located along the chalky clay hills on which the vines flourish.

After laboring to clear the land, the estate that at the origin covered 2 hectares (5 acres) of vines, keeps growing.

Today, Pierre-Etienne, Jean-David, and Silvain Garzaro manage the 70 hectares (173 acres) of vines at Baron, in the Entre-Deux-Mers appellation area, along with 10 more hectares (25 acres) that are scattered among the most prestigious Libourne appellations: Pomerol, Lalande-de-Pomerol, and Saint-Emilion-Grand-Cru.

Garzaro red wines thus benefit from four generations of experience. They are harmoniously blended from the Bordeaux noble varieties: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Cabernet Sauvignon, and aged in the purest Bordeaux tradition. Garzaro white wines blend together the charm, fruit, and elegance of the Sauvignon, Semillon, and Muscadelle varieties.

All these wines regularly win prizes at different national and international competitions and feature in the selections of the trade guidebooks. Today, we try to make wine that blend together the charm, the fruit, the aromas and the elegance with the best value for money.

VIEUX CHATEAU FLOUQUET

The Garzaro family bought Vieux Château Flouquet in 2003. It is located near the village of Saint Emilion.

Today, Pierre-Etienne et Jean-David Garzaro manage the 6 hectares of vines planted with Merlot (90 %) and Cabernet Franc (10 %) situated in the most prestigious Libourne appellation : Saint Emilion.

The terroir is composed sandy gravel and chalky clay.

The vines are between 40 and 70 years old and are planted at an average rate of 6 000 vines/hectares.

Harvesting is manual and the grapes are sorted in the vineyard.

The wines are aged in oak barrels for 12 to 18 months depending on the vintage. Racking is carried out every two months to clarify the wine naturally. It is the fined with egg whites in the time-honoured fashion before bottled.

We recommend decanting these wines two to three hours before serving at room temperature. The wines are ideal with red meat, game, or hard cheeses.



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Chateau Le Prieur White Bordeaux: Entre-Deux-Mers

Entre-Deux-Mers is among the most expansive appellations within Bordeaux. Its name, however is found only on dry white wines made in the region from some combination of three grape varieties: Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, and Muscadelle.

The resulting wines tend towards crisp, citrusy and refreshing in style. They pair beautifully with seafood and light fare.

“Entre-Deux-Mers” [AHN-trah duh mehr] translates to “between two seas” and refers to the two rivers, the Garonne and Dordogne, that make the boundaries of the region.

Soil types : Chalky clay

Variety: 80% Sauvignon Blanc / 20% Semillon

Vineyards: Entre-Deux-Mers, Bordeaux

Harvest: Harvesting has been by machine since 1975, enabling the grapes to be picked when fully ripe.

Winemaking: The grapes are pressed immediately after being picked and the juice ferments in vats in the traditional way. Temperatures are regulated at between 18 and 20° C, so as to slow fermentation down and extract as many aromas as possible.

Ageing: Ageing is very short ; the wine is bottled after fining within four months of being harvested





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Vieux Château Flouquet - Saint Emilion

Marked by its historic fortified village— among the most striking in all of Bordeaux, the St-Émilion appellation, along with its neighboring village of Pomerol, are leaders in quality on the Right Bank of Bordeaux. These Merlot-dominant red wines (complemented by various amounts of Cabernet Franc and/or Cabernet Sauvignon) remain some of the most admired and collected wines of the world.

St-Émilion has the longest history in wine production in Bordeaux—longer than the Left Bank—dating back to an 8th century monk named Saint Émilion who became a hermit in one of the many limestone caves scattered throughout the area.

Vieux Château Flouquet is one of hundreds of independent farmers dedicated to growing Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The wines of St-Émilion vary considerably depending on the soil upon which they are grown. The wines of Vieux Château Flouquet combine a sandy clay with a chalky, limestone rich subsoil. This soil type imparts fresh red fruit character along with a rich, full-bodied character, and a mineral touch.

Soil types : Sandy clay over chalky subsoil

Variety: 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc

Vineyards: Saint-Emilion, Bordeaux

Harvest: Harvesting is manual and the grapes are sorted in the vineyard.

Winemaking: The grapes are fully de-stemmed and wine making follows traditional methods, benefiting from modern temperature regulation techniques. Vatting is long (around 3 weeks) enabling as much substance to be extracted as possible from the grapes.

Ageing: This wine is aged in barrels for 12 months, half of which are renewed annually. Racking is carried out every two months to clarify the wine naturally. It is then fined with eggs whites in the time-honoured fashion before being bottled. Drink now to eight years.





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Vieux Chateau Flouquet - Saint Emilion Grand Cru

Marked by its historic fortified village— among the most striking in all of Bordeaux, the St-Émilion appellation, along with its neighboring village of Pomerol, are leaders in quality on the Right Bank of Bordeaux. These typically Merlot based red wines (generally complemented by varying amounts of Cabernet Franc and/or Cabernet Sauvignon) are some of the most respected and collected wines of the world.

St-Émilion is known for its extensive history in wine production in Bordeaux—longer than the Left Bank—dating back to an 8th century monk named Saint Émilion who became a hermit in one of the many limestone caves scattered throughout the area. Vieux Chateau Flouquet is one of hundreds of independent farmers dedicated to growing Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The wines of St-Émilion vary considerably depending on the soil upon which they are grown. The wines of Vieux Chateau Flouquet combine a sandy clay with a chalky, limestone rich subsoil. This soil type imparts fresh red fruit character along with a rich, full-bodied character, and a mineral touch.

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Variety: 90% Merlot / 10 % Cabernet Franc

Vineyards: Saint-Emilion, Bordeaux

Harvest: Harvesting is manual and the grapes are sorted in the vineyard.

Winemaking: The grapes are fully de-stemmed and wine making follows traditional methods, white benefiting from modern temperature regulation techniques. Vatting is long (around 3 weeks) enabling as much substance to be extracted as possible from the grapes.

Ageing: This wine is aged in barrels for 14 months.

Racking is carried out every two months to clarify the wine naturally. It is then fined with egg whites in the time-honoured fashion before being bottled. This wine can be enjoyed over the next 10-15 years.



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